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Office of Congressional Liaison
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
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Gentlemen:

Just a note to enclose correspondence regarding
FDA policy and the truthful labeling of products con-
taining vegetable oils. Your prompt consideration of
these recommendations and response will be most ap-
preciated.

With every best wish,

Sincerely yours,


Keith G. Sebelius

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CONGRESSMAN KEITH SEBELIUS
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THE AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION
AT ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION IN MEMPHIS TN ON AUGUST 12 WITH THE FULL
CONCURRENCE OF THE KANSAS SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION:

OIL CONTENT LABELING

WHEREAS CONSUMERS ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE OILS
CONTAINED IN MANY FOOD PRODUCTS BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE LABELING
NOW PERMITTED BY FDA, CONTRARY TO THE INTENT OF CONGRESS; AND
WHEREAS LARGE QUANTITIES OF UNIDENTIFIED, HIGHLY-SATURATED OILS
ARE MARKETED AND USED IN SHORTENINGS AND MANY OTHER PRODUCTS;
AND

WHEREAS MANY OR MOST PHYSICIANS ADVISE PATIENTS TO CONSUME OILS OF
LOW SATURATED FATTY ACID CONTENT TO AMELIORATE CONDITIONS OF
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE; AND

WHEREAS MARKETING OF PRODUCTS WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCE OILS
PREVENTS FREE COMPETITION AMONG THE OILS ENTERING COMMERCE;
AND

WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ENACTED IN 1938 THE REQUIREMENT
THAT FULL DISCLOSURE BE MADE ON FOOD LABELS OF SPECIFIC INGREDI-
ENTS BY COMMON NAME AND THAT THE FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION
(FDA) HAS NOT GIVEN EFFECT TO THE INTENT OF THE CONGRESS;

THEREFORE, THE AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION DEPLORES THE INACTION OF
FDA IN ALLOWING TO CONTINUE IN FORCE AN OUTMODED ADVISORY
OPINION MADE ADMINISTRATIVELY OVER 35 YEARS AGO, THEREBY DAMAG-
ING CONSUMERS, FARMERS AND TRADE; AND

RESOLVES THAT THE FDA IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT THE INSTRUCTIONS OF
CONGRESS AND ENFORCE THE LAW SO THAT OIL-CONTAINING FOODS BE
DEEMED MISBRANDED UNLESS LABELS BEAR THE COMMON OR USUAL NAME
OF EACH SOURCE OIL INGREDIENT;

AND FURTHER RESOLVES THAT LEGISLATION BE ENACTED TO ENSURE THESE
RESULTS IF FDA DOES NOT TAKE SUCH ACTION.

THE KANSAS SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION RESPECTFULLY HOPES THAT YOU CAN BRING
YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO BEAR WITH THE U S FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
IN SUPPORT OF TRUTHFUL LABELING OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING VEGETABLE OILS
FOR THE REASONS GIVEN IN THE ABOVE RESOLUTION.

JOHN DICKEN, PRESIDENT
KANSAS SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION